

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

This application is related to co-pending U.S. patent application no. ~~[docket no. P029]~~10/692,495, entitled, "~~Writing~~ Synchronous Mirroring Including Writing Image Updates to a File," of A. Gole, filed on October 24, 2003.

Please amend paragraph [0044] as follows:

Various refinements and modifications can be made to the above-described technique. For example, it may be desirable to partition NVRAM 73 in the source filer 71 to facilitate the transfer of data to disks. More specifically, in one embodiment at least two partitions are created in NVRAM 73 in the source filer 71. A separate NVLog file 75 is maintained at the mirror site for each partition of NVRAM 73. When one partition of NVRAM 73 becomes full, a consistency point is triggered on the source filer 71, and any further write requests received by the source filer 71 are logged in the other partition, at least until the consistency point has been completed and the first partition has been flushed. At the mirror site, the destination filer 72 stores each of the log entries it receives in the appropriate one of multiple NVLog files 75 it maintains, depending on: 1) which source filer 71 sent the log entry (if there is more than one source filer) and 2) in which partition of the source filer's NVRAM 73 the log entry was logged at the primary site. Additional details regarding how NVLog entries can be managed advantageously are described in co-pending U.S. patent application no. ~~[docket no. P029]~~10/692,495, entitled, "~~Writing~~

Synchronous Mirroring Including Writing Image Updates to a File," of A. Gole, filed on October 24, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.